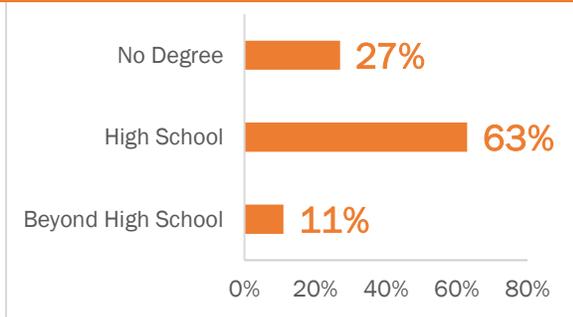


# Western Maryland

## Profile of Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) Recipients

Most have a high school education



Many have recent work experience, but their earnings are low

- ❖ 50% worked in the year before receiving TCA
- ❖ Earned a median of **\$4,786** in that year
- ❖ 60% worked in the year after leaving TCA
- ❖ Earned a median of **\$4,852** in that year

## They do not receive welfare for long periods of time

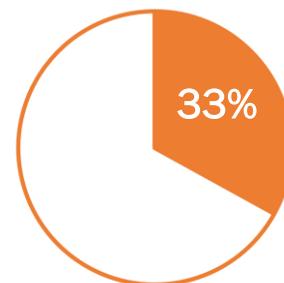
**63%** received assistance for 2 years or less in last 10 years

**8%** received assistance for more than 5 of the last 10 years

Typically, they are Caucasian women with 1 or 2 young children

- ❖ **92%** are female
- ❖ **75%** are Caucasian
- ❖ **32** years old, on average
- ❖ **69%** have 1 to 2 children
- ❖ **48%** have a child under 3 years old

Some have disabilities that are expected to last over 1 year



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Western Maryland includes Garrett, Allegany, & Washington Counties.

Most data is based on analysis of 786 adult payees who were recipients of TCA benefits in October 2014. Employment and earnings data is based on work-eligible recipients in federal fiscal 2014 and includes only formal employment in Maryland.



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